

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on March 6, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr. (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D) arrived after roll call  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 233, 3/26/2015; HB 354, 3/26/2015; HB 24, 3/26/2015; HB 33, 3/26/2015 and HB 34, 3/26/2015; HB 35, 3/26/2015; HB 47, 3/26/2015;

**HEARING ON HB 233**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:47 Rep. Mitch Tropila (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 233, Generally revising juvenile delinquency laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:53 Beth McLaughlin, court administrator, Montana Supreme Court (MSC)

00:09:31 Loraine Wodnik, Department of Corrections (COR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:14 Sen. Keane

00:10:39 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC

00:11:49 Sen. Hansen

00:12:09 Ms. McLaughlin

00:12:58 Sen. Phillips

00:13:24 Rep. Tropila

00:13:53 Sen. Phillips

00:13:57 Rep. Tropila

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:29 Rep. Tropila

**HEARING ON HB 354**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:10 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 354, Establish a loss mitigation special revenue account.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:34 Brett Dahl, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:31 Sen. Keane

00:18:47 Mr. Dahl, DOA

00:19:03 Sen. Keane

00:19:14 Mr. Dahl

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:19:32 Rep. Brodehl

**HEARING ON HB 24**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:24 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 24, Appropriate money for state-run mental health group home.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:31 Dr. Gary Mihelish, NAMI Montana (NAMI)

00:24:21 Matt Kuntz, executive director, NAMI

00:26:00 Alicia Smith, NAMI

00:27:02 John Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**EXHIBIT(fcs47a01)**

00:27:30 Aart Dolman, YWCA

00:28:53 John Wilkinson, representing himself

00:31:32 Patti Jaques, representing herself

00:34:14 Dan Aune, executive director, Mental Health America Montana

00:34:49 Jani McCall, Legacy Provider Group

00:35:18 Beth Brenneman, attorney, Disability Rights Montana

00:36:34 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

00:36:51 Jon Krutar, representing himself

00:38:36 Jim Nolan, representing State Human Development Councils

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:39:21 Glenda Oldenburg, administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:46 Sen. Keane

00:40:02 Rep. Schreiner

00:40:49 Sen. Keane

00:41:05 Rep. Schreiner

00:41:50 Sen. Wolken

00:42:09 Rep. Schreiner

00:42:40 Sen. Wolken

00:43:06 Rep. Schreiner

00:44:05 Ms. Oldenburg, DPHHS

00:44:47 Sen. Keenan  
00:45:40 Rep. Schreiner  
00:46:05 Ms. Oldenburg  
00:46:17 Sen. Keenan  
00:47:04 Ms. Oldenburg  
00:50:52 Sen. Keenan  
00:51:15 Ms. Oldenburg

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:28 Rep. Schreiner

**HEARING ON HB 33 AND HB 34**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:48 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 33, Appropriate money for new or expanded mental health crisis intervention.

**EXHIBIT(fcs47a02)**

01:00:39 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 34, Appropriate money for additional secure psychiatric detention beds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:01:35 Mitch Everts, The International Think Tank  
01:04:02 Chris Hoffman, Ravalli County Sheriff, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)  
01:05:55 Dan Aune, Mental Health America Montana  
01:07:12 Matt Kuntz, executive director, NAMI Montana  
01:09:48 Patti Jacques, representing herself  
01:10:44 Alicia Smith, representing herself  
01:12:49 Aart Dolman, YWCA  
01:14:08 Jani McCall, Legacy Provider Group  
01:14:26 Kathy McGowan, Community Mental Health Centers, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association  
01:15:02 Sen. Sesso joined the meeting.  
01:20:11 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

**EXHIBIT(fcs47a03)**

01:21:28 Kylie Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
01:22:27 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana and speaking for Billings Clinic, Benefis, St. Peter's, and Bozeman Deaconess hospitals  
01:25:02 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
01:26:42 John Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
01:27:29 Jim Nolan, representing State Human Development Councils

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:27:59 Glenda Oldenburg, administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division,  
Department of Public Health and Human Resources (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:28:20 Sen. Keane  
01:29:11 Rep. Ehli  
01:30:37 Sen. Keane  
01:30:53 Rep. Ehli  
01:31:51 Sen. Keane  
01:32:03 Ms. Oldenburg, DPHHS  
01:37:40 Sen. Keane  
01:37:56 Ms. Oldenburg  
01:38:03 Sen. Wolken  
01:38:17 Sen. Caferro joined the meeting.  
01:38:51 Ms. Oldenburg  
01:39:46 Sen. Phillips  
01:40:01 Rep. Ehli  
01:41:17 Sen. Phillips  
01:41:36 Rep. Ehli  
01:41:46 Sen. Sesso  
01:42:27 Rep. Ehli  
01:42:35 Sen. Sesso  
01:44:02 Rep. Ehli  
01:46:12 Sen. Keane  
01:46:58 Rep. Ehli  
01:48:14 Sen. Webb  
01:49:11 Rep. Ehli  
01:50:45 Sen. Hamlett  
01:51:14 Rep. Ehli

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:52:01 Rep. Ehli

**HEARING ON HB 35****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:54:50 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 35, Appropriate money for short-term voluntary mental health treatment.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:56:46 Kathy McGowan, Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs), Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)  
01:59:58 Alicia Smith, representing herself  
02:04:19 Patti Jacques, representing herself

02:06:47 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs47a04\)](#)

02:07:35 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

02:08:52 Aart Dolman, YWCA

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

02:09:48 Glenda Oldenburg, administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division,  
Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:10:03 Sen. Hansen  
02:10:33 Rep. Ehli  
02:12:31 Sen. Hansen  
02:12:51 Rep. Ehli  
02:13:39 Sen. Hansen  
02:14:33 Ms. Oldenburg, DPHHS  
02:15:18 Sen. Hansen  
02:15:48 Ms. Oldenburg  
02:16:15 Sen. Taylor  
02:16:34 Sen. Caferro  
02:17:38 Rep. Ehli  
02:20:15 Sen. Caferro  
02:21:07 Rep. Ehli  
02:21:26 Sen. Keane  
02:21:42 Rep. Ehli  
02:22:17 Sen. Sesso  
02:23:16 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
02:25:16 Sen. Sesso  
02:26:52 Chair Jones  
02:26:57 Sen. Keane  
02:27:30 Rep. Ehli  
02:28:35 Chair Jones  
02:29:31 Rep. Ehli  
02:30:09 Sen. Sesso  
02:32:46 Sen. Phillips  
02:33:35 Rep. Ehli  
02:35:46 Sen. Phillips  
02:36:05 Mr. Moe, LFD  
02:37:39 Sen. Hamlett  
02:38:03 Sen. Hansen  
02:39:00 Ms. Oldenburg  
02:39:45 Sen. Hansen  
02:40:23 Ms. Oldenburg  
02:40:35 Sen. Keane  
02:41:36 Ms. Oldenburg

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:43:09 Rep. Ehli

**HEARING ON HB 47****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:46:53 Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 47, Appropriate money for youth crisis diversion pilot projects.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:51:41 Jani McCall, Legacy Provider Group, Montana Children's Initiative Providers Association, Yellowstone Crisis Network

02:56:34 Matt Kuntz, executive director, NAMI Montana (NAMI)

02:59:08 Alicia Smith, representing herself

03:00:23 Sandy Cummins, crisis facilitator, Missoula Youth Crisis Diversion Project  
**EXHIBIT(fcs47a05)**

03:04:13 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)  
**EXHIBIT(fcs47a06)**

03:06:04 Erin McGowan, executive director, Montana Children's Initiative

03:08:29 Kathy McGowan, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

03:10:41 John Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

03:12:45 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana

03:14:29 Patti Jacques, representing herself

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

03:15:31 Zoe Bernard, bureau chief, Children's Mental Health, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:15:57 Sen. Keane

03:16:27 Mr. Esp, MACo

03:16:49 Sen. Keane

03:17:08 Mr. Esp

03:17:25 Sen. Keane

03:17:33 Mr. Esp

03:17:50 Sen. Wolken

03:18:41 Ms. Bernard, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:19:37 Rep. Pease-Lopez

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:20 p.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs47aad.pdf](#))**